Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Have the Government verified the correctness of the statement contained in this. Out of sheer necessity these people had to trespass upon Railway lines. Is not this statement of fact correct ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*) : I want notice.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*) : Is there any road from the Pulaya colony to Chalakkudi ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): To remedy that it is not necessary for the Government to construct a road. But the question at present before the Government is whether there have been sufficient level crossings and it is very inadvisable to have level crossings at very short intervals. The Railway Administration have been stressing that point. Even now they have provided more level crossings in the Cochin Railway than anywhere else for an equal line.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*) : Will the Government consider the advisability of having an overbridge.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*) : If there is no footpath nor any level crossing, how can people stir out of their houses ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*) : The matter will be considered by Government.

GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN RENTED BUILDINGS IN IRINJALAKKUDA TOWN.

322. Mr. A. L. Antony (*Irinjalakkuda*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many Government offices are held in rented buildings in the Irinjalakkuda Town ; which are they ;

(*b*) what is the respective annual rent to each o them paid by the Government ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*) :

Please see the statement appended (*Appendix I*).

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

323. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the names of the High Schools in the State where Agriculture is taught as an optional subject ;

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(*b*) the years in which Agriculture was introduced in each of these schools;

(*c*) the qualifications of those who teach Agriculture;

(*d*) whether the Director of Agriculture has any supervision over the agricultural education given in these schools;

(*e*) whether the S. S. L. C. Examination papers for this subject are set by any officer of the Department?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) A statement is appended (*Appendix II*).

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): There are only 7 schools teaching agriculture in the State. Will the Government be pleased to increase the number of schools especially in village parts where there is scope for this training?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): If the hon'ble member suggests that agriculture should be taught as a vocational subject, that is a very large question. Now it is taught as an optional subject. Now, it is taught in more or less country schools, like Chalakkudi, etc.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): But there is no training given in Velur and Pazhanji?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Velur school was only recently taken over and Government had not the sufficient time to do anything for that school.

EDUCATIONAL CONCESSIONS TO VALAS.

324. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. എസ്സ് മണി: താഴെ പറയുന്നതിലേക്കു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് ദയവായി ഉത്തരം പറയുമോ:—

(*a*) വാലന്മാർക്കു Backward സമുദായങ്ങൾക്കുള്ള വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ സൌജന്യം നിഷേധിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു വല്ല ഉത്തരവും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(*b*) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തു് അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിന്മേൽ ആണു് ആ ഓർഡർ അയച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

റാവു സാഹിബു് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: (*a*) ഉവ്വു്.

(*b*) 'വാലന്മാർ' എഡ്യുക്കേഷൻ കോഡു് സ്പ (൩)-ാം വകുപ്പിലെ ബാക്കു്വേഡു് സമുദായങ്ങളുടെ പട്ടികയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടില്ലാത്തിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. എസ്സ് മണി: ഇപ്പോൾ പെടുത്തീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

റാവു സാഹിബു് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: ഇപ്പോൾ പെടുത്തീട്ടുണ്ടു്.

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